

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 15, 2007. Claims 1, 5, 16 to 22, 26, 37 to 43, 46 and 49 to 56 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 22, 43 and 46 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 16 to 22, 26, 37 to 43, 46 and 49 to 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Japan 2000-259563 (Yuichi). The rejections are respectfully traversed and the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in light of the following comments.

The invention concerns sending a message regarding the status of a device onto a network to a user in a language specified by the user. According to the invention, a communication controller in the apparatus first sends data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages that are selectable in the apparatus so the user can select a language from the list to be used in a message. That is, the language is 1) one that can be processed/understood by the apparatus, and 2) one that is selected by the user based on the user's preference. After the user selects a language from the list, the apparatus creates the message regarding the state of the apparatus in the language selected by the user, and sends the message onto the network. As a result, the user can select a preferred language for the message, but the selected language is also one that the apparatus can handle since it is based on languages selectable in the apparatus.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 is directed to a communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising a data sending unit that sends, onto the network, data for enabling a

browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller so as to allow a user to select a language from the list to be used in a message to be sent, a receiving unit that receives, from the network, language data indicating a language selected by the user from the list, an obtaining unit that obtains information concerning the apparatus, a message creating unit that creates a message to be sent, based on the information obtained by the obtaining unit, in the language indicated by the language data received by the receiving unit, and a sending unit that sends the message created by the message creating unit onto the network.

Claims 22, 43 and 46 are apparatus, method, and computer medium claims, respectively, that substantially corresponding to Claim 1.

Yuichi is not seen to teach the features of the invention, and in particular, is not seen to teach at least the features of a communication controller/apparatus sending, onto a network, data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller/apparatus so as to allow a user to select a language from the list to be used in a message to be sent, and sending a message onto the network., where the message is created based on obtained information concerning the apparatus and is created in the language selected by the user.

Yuichi discloses that a server 300 maintains user information of owners of and location of constituent apparatuses on the network, destination information of devices that a failure message is to be sent to. When a failure in a device occurs, a destination for the failure message is determined and then a language corresponding to the apparatus and destination is automatically selected by the selector. What is conspicuously missing in Yuichi, however, is the sending of data onto the network for enabling a browsing software

to display a list of a plurality of languages that are selectable in the apparatus and from which the user can select a language to be used in the list. Indeed, Yuichi is quite silent as to how the language corresponding to the destination device is determined, and fails to teach anything about sending of data onto the network for selecting the language as claimed in the present invention. While the Office Action alleges that paragraph 0011 of Yuichi teaches the features of the invention, Applicants wish to point out that foregoing merely teaches the above-described features, but fails to teach the features of a communication controller/apparatus sending, onto a network, data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller/apparatus so as to allow a user to select a language from the list to be used in a message to be sent, and sending a message onto the network., where the message is created based on obtained information concerning the apparatus and is created in the language selected by the user.

In view of the foregoing deficiencies of the applied art, independent Claims 1, 22, 43 and 46, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to conduct a telephonic interview of this case prior to the Examiner taking up action on this case.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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